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COMMUNISTS INDUSTRIALIZING KRAKOW

The changes which the Communists are introducing in regard to the distribution of industry are causing a great deal of unrest in Poland. A number of factories originally intended for Slask and the Recovered Territories are now being planned further east, as, for example, the cement works to be built in the Lublin area.

A Polish-Czech agreement was arranged for increasing steel production for export to the USSR. According to the agreement, a new metallurgical plant was to be constructed in the vicinity of Gliwice with installations from a Czechoslovak metallurgical plant. However, this arrangement has been abandoned, and a foundry is being built within the precincts of Krakow. Construction is being accomplished under direct Soviet orders.

Sections of the city of Krakow, the village of Rakowice, Olsza, and Czyzyny as far as Mogila (northward to Lubicz Street, the officers' settlement, and the Rokowiecki Cemetery) have been expropriated for the construction. Right now the ground is being prepared for factory buildings northward to Kopiec Wandy. Six blocks of residential structures for workers are being built. The management is being housed on Aleja 3-go Maja (formerly Oleandry). The personnel of the foundry have been forbidden by law to discuss any phase of this work. It is planned to bring 70,000 workers into this area, including a large number of Russians. All plants and component parts of the factory are coming from the USSR.

A survey of housing facilities is being conducted in Krakow for the purpose of removing nonessential inhabitants from the over-crowded city, and restricting and placing the remaining inhabitants in the new metallurgical plants. Since Krakow did not suffer any war damages, it is considered by the Communists as a city of reaction. Therefore, they intend to saturate it with a Communist population imported in a large measure from the USSR.

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